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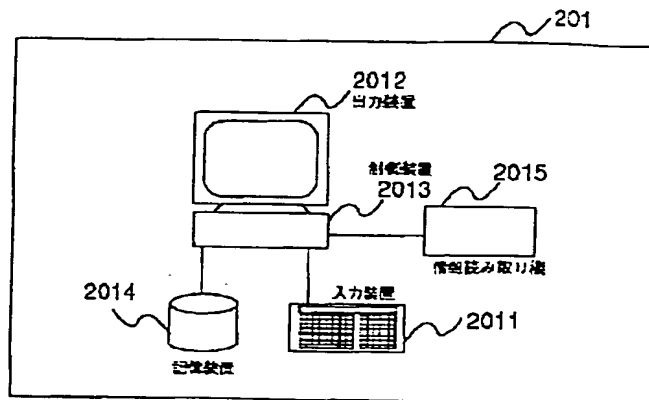
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TITLE : COMMODITY TRANSACTION METHOD  
AND ITS SYSTEM



ABSTRACT : PURPOSE: To automatically collect sales information and to improve the efficiency of delivery by inputting the number of units of a commodity to be purchased which is selected by a customer based upon outputted commodity information, judging customer's ID and updating sales information.

CONSTITUTION: Information relating to a commodity is outputted from an output device 2011 based upon a customer's request inputted through an input device 2011, a commodity to be purchased by the customer which is selected from the outputted commodity information and the number of units of the commodity are inputted from the device 2011 and sales information is stored in a sales information file. A customer ID judging medium is received by an information reading mechanism 2015 and settled and then a host updates an individual customer sales information file consisting of a customer name, an account number, a customer address, a telephone number, and a purchase amount up to a current transaction. Consequently, customer's sales information can be automatically collected, the confusion of a commodity counter is reduced, manual load on an adjusting corner is reduced, and the efficiency of delivery can be improved.

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